

# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHAPEL



ADVENT III  
DECEMBER 13, 2020



MORNING PRAYER RITE II

**Prelude**                      *"Praise to be God Almighty!"*                      **BWV 602**

## **Greetings and Announcements**

**Hymn 74 (1982)**                      *"Blest be the King"*

Officiant              In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make  
straight in the desert a highway for our God.                      *Isaiah 40:3*

## **Confession**

Officiant              Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

*Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.*

*We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

### Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*Amen.*

### The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant      Lord, open our lips.

People          *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

### The Morning Psalm

Psalm 67:1-5    Deus misereatur

*O God, be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.  
Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.*

## The Psalm Appointed

### Psalm 126

*In convertendo*

1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

### The Lessons

#### Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They

shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Canticle G      A Song of Ezekiel      Ezekiel 36:24-28**

*I will take you from among all nations; \*  
and gather you from all lands to bring you home.  
I will sprinkle clean water upon you; \*  
and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.  
A new heart I will give you \*  
and a new spirit put within you.  
I will take the stone heart from your chest \*  
and give you a heart of flesh.  
I will help you walk in my laws \*  
and cherish my commandments and do them.  
You shall be my people, \*  
and I will be your God.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

## **John 1:6-8,19-28**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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## **Homily**

**Hymn** 794 (WLP)      *Muchos resplandores*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together,*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Prayers**

Officiant        The Lord be with you.

People            *And also with you.*

Officiant        Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

### **Suffrages B**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

We pray especially this day for those who are sick or suffering:  
John, Maria, Zoma, Marilyn, Clint, Peter, Kevin, Kerri, Rich, Janet,  
Nancy, Frank, George, Caroline, Mary, Dolores, Katie, Hadia,  
Steven, and all whom we mention now either silently or aloud.

We commend to you all who have died especially all whom we mention now either silently or aloud.

*The Officiant then says the following Collects*

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Hymn 56 vs. 5,6 (1982)**      *“O come, O come, Emmanuel”*

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Officiant and People

*Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.      Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn**      *“Arise, Shine for Your Light has Come.”*      Pote

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

**Postlude**

*"Christ is the only Sonne of God!"*

**BWV 601**

### **Upcoming Events**

**Presently, all in person activities have been cancelled to stay safe during the pandemic. Please look for announcements after Dec. 14 about reopening and resuming activities.**

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**Christmas Eve:** Prayer will be 5PM and 9PM.

**5PM** will be outdoors, with a bon fire, and will follow the format for Lessons and Carols. Any and all are invited to attend.

**9 PM** will be in the chapel. A seat must be reserved.

**Christmas Morning:** Prayer will be at 9 AM. A seat must be reserved.